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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: INVITATION TO SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON TO VISIT
SINGAPORE

1. IF THE FOLLOWING SELF-EXPLANATORY MESSAGE TO SECRETARY OF
COMMERCE RICHARDSON PRESENTS NO PROBLEMS, I WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR PASSING IT TO COMMERCE THROUGH WHICHEVER CHANNELS YOU
DEEM BEST.

2. "AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE U.S. REGIONAL TRADE CENTER IN SINGAPORE
WILL BE ORGANIZING A SPECIAL EXHIBIT FROM MAY 31 TO JUNE 6
TO CELEBRATE OUR BICENTENNIAL. I BELIEVE THE SINGAPORE EFFORT
IS UNIQUE. ALL OTHER TRADE CENTERS ARE MARKING THE BICENTENNIAL
BY ADDING AN EXTRA DIMENSION TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROMOTIONS;
HOWEVER, OUR EXHIBIT WILL FOCUS ON HISTORICAL AND CURRENT
TRADE, INVESTMENT AND OTHER COMMERCIAL TIES BETWEEN THE U.S.,
ON THE ONE HAND, AND SINGAPORE AND ASEAN ON THE OTHER. WE INTEND
TO ILLUSTRATE THROUGH EXHIBITS AND VISUAL DISPLAYS THAT OUR MUTUAL
WELL-BEING HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE DEPENDENT ON EXPANDING
INTERNATIONAL TRADE, INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL FLOWS. IN PLANNING
AND EXECUTING THIS EXHIBIT, WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE
LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY WHICH HAS GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED
BOTH TIME AND MONEY TO REALIZING JOINT OBJECTIVES. THE EXHIBIT
WILL BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT IT
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WILL GENERATE GOOD WILL FOR THE U.S. AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTE TO

MAINTAINING THE PRESENT FAVORABLE INVESTMENT CLIMATE.

3. "I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER WAY OF FULFILLING OUR OBJECTIVES THAN BY YOUR COMING TO SINGAPORE TO OPEN THE EXHIBIT OFFICIALLY. IN ADDITION TO HEIGHTENING INTEREST IN THE EXHIBIT ON THE PART OF THE LOCAL AMERICAN AND SINGAPOREAN COMMUNITIES, YOUR PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES HERE WOULD ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO ENHANCING THE ROLE OF THE TRADE CENTER ITSELF. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU MIGHT BE SOMEWHERE IN THE REGION DURING MAY AND HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION. TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE, WE WOULD BE PREPARED, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, TO TIME THE OPENING CEREMONIES TO MEET YOUR CONVENIENCE. IF YOUR SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT YOU TO OPEN THE EXHIBIT, I AM CONFIDENT THAT SOME OTHER APPROPRIATE TIMING FOR YOUR VISIT TO THE TRADE CENTER COULD BE ARRANGED.

4. "A VISIT BY YOU TO SINGAPORE WOULD, OF COURSE, AT A MINIMUM, ENTAIL SOME OFFICIAL CALLS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT PRIME MINISTER LEE WOULD WANT TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON THE POLITICAL/ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE U.S. AS WELL AS PROSPECTS FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY. LEE IS, AS HE TOLD VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER SOME TEN DAYS AGO, CONCERNED THAT RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FAIRER DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH ARE CRUCIAL TO THE PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE LOOKS TO THE U.S. TO ASSIST SUCH AN EVOLUTION THROUGH OUR FINANCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES. HE ALSO SEES OUR LARGE DOMESTIC MARKET AS BEING AN IMPORTANT STIMULUS TO THE REGIONAL ECONOMIES. LEE HAS NOT REQUESTED AID; RATHER, HE WANTS TO ENLIST OUR EFFORTS IN EXPANDING THE EXPORTS OF THE ASEAN COUNTRIES AND IN ATTRACTING INVESTMENT TO THIS REGION. BECAUSE OF THESE DEEPLY FELT VIEWS, I KNOW THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN SPEAKING WITH YOU. I AM EQUALLY CONFIDENT THAT YOUR VISIT HERE, NO MATTER HOW BRIEF, WOULD CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO DEMONSTRATING CONTINUING U.S. INTEREST IN AND CONCERN FOR THE PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION.

5. "IF YOU CAN FIND IT POSSIBLE TO COME TO SINGAPORE, WE WOULD NEED TO KNOW AT AN EARLY DATE SO THAT WE COULD ARRANGE A SUITABLE PROGRAM FOR YOU." HOLDRIDGE

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